

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A apparatus for cooking foodstuff, comprising:
a cooking surface; and
a reverse-image, decorative design element incorporated into the cooking
5 surface, wherein a foodstuff placed upon the cooking surface rests upon the
decorative design element such that an image of the decorative design element is
imprinted upon the foodstuff when a heat source is applied to the cooking
surface.
- 10 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the decorative design element is a
company logo.
3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the decorative design element is a
sports team logo.
- 15 4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the decorative design element is a one
or more words.
5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the decorative design element is a
20 picture.
6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the cooking surface is a grill grate of
an outdoor grill and the heat source is based upon combustion.
- 25 7. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
an electric grill that incorporates the cooking surface.
8. A cooking device, comprising:
a heat source;
30 a cooking surface that is raised by the heat source to a temperature

suitable for cooking a foodstuff; and

a reverse-image, decorative design element incorporated into the cooking surface, wherein the foodstuff rests upon the decorative design element when placed upon the cooking surface such that an image of the decorative design element is imprinted upon the foodstuff when the heat source is applied to the cooking surface

9. The cooking device of claim 8, wherein the heat source is electrical.

10. The cooking device of claim 8, wherein the heat source is based upon combustion.

11. The cooking device of claim 8, wherein the decorative design element is a business logo.

12. The cooking device of claim 8, wherein the decorative design element is a sports team logo.

13. The cooking device of claim 8, wherein the decorative design element is one or more words.

14. The cooking device of claim 8, wherein the decorative design element is a cartoon-like character.

15. A method for imprinting a decorative design element upon a food stuff, comprising the steps of:

placing the foodstuff on a cooking surface that incorporates a reverse image of the decorative design element such that the foodstuff rests upon the reverse image; and

applying a heat source to the cooking surface.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the decorative design element is a

business logo.

17. The method of claim 15, wherein the decorative design element is a sports team logo.

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18. The method of claim 15, wherein the decorative design element is one or more words.

19. The method of claim 15, wherein the decorative design element is a cartoon-like character.

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20. The method of claim 15, wherein the heat source is based upon combustion.

21. The method of claim 15, wherein the heat source is electrical.

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